

CHAPTER 1036**TURKEY AND DEER HUNTING LICENSES —
NONRESIDENT DISABLED OR TERMINALLY ILL PERSONS***S.F. 2230*

AN ACT authorizing the issuance of special nonresident turkey and deer hunting licenses to certain persons who have severe physical disabilities or a terminal illness.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 483A.24, Code Supplement 2007, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 9A. The commission shall issue a special turkey hunting license or any sex deer hunting license to a nonresident twenty-one years of age or younger who the commission finds has a severe physical disability or has been diagnosed with a terminal illness. The licenses shall be issued as follows:

a. The commission may prepare an application to be used by the person requesting the special license, which requires that the person's attending physician sign the form declaring that the person has a severe physical disability or has been diagnosed with a terminal illness and is eligible for the special license.

b. The licenses provided pursuant to this subsection shall be in addition to the number of nonresident turkey hunting licenses authorized pursuant to section 483A.7 and nonresident deer hunting licenses authorized pursuant to section 483A.8.

c. The turkey hunting licenses are valid in all zones open to turkey hunting and shall be available for issuance and use during any turkey hunting season. The deer hunting licenses are valid in all zones open to deer hunting and shall be available for issuance and use during any deer hunting season.

d. A nonresident who receives a special license pursuant to this subsection shall purchase a hunting license and the applicable nonresident turkey or deer hunting license, and pay the wildlife habitat fee, but is not required to complete the hunter safety and ethics education course if the person is accompanied and aided by a person who is at least eighteen years of age. The accompanying person must be qualified to hunt and have a hunting license. During the hunt, the accompanying adult must be within arm's reach of the nonresident licensee.

e. The commission shall adopt rules under chapter 17A for the administration of this subsection.

Approved April 8, 2008

CHAPTER 1037**WILD ANIMAL DEPREDAATION MANAGEMENT
— DEER HARVESTING***S.F. 2328*

AN ACT relating to the deer depredation management program, establishing a deer study advisory committee, and providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 481A.10A, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

481A.10A FARMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The director shall establish a farmer advisory committee for the purpose of providing information to the department regarding crop and tree damage caused by deer, wild turkey, and other predators. Members of the committee shall include a representative designated by each of the following organizations: the Iowa corn growers association, the Iowa farm bureau federation, the Iowa farmers union, the Iowa state horticulture society, the Iowa Christmas tree growers association, the Iowa nursery and landscape association, the department of agriculture and land stewardship, and the Iowa state university agricultural extension service. The committee shall meet with a representative of the department of natural resources on a semi-annual basis. The committee shall serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

Sec. 2. Section 481C.2, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

481C.2 DUTIES.

1. The director of the department of natural resources shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with the United States department of agriculture, animal damage control division. The wild animal depredation unit shall serve and act as the liaison to the department for the producers in the state who suffer crop and horticultural product, tree, or nursery damage due to wild animals.

2. The department shall issue depredation permits to any landowner who incurs crop and horticultural product, tree, or nursery damage of one thousand dollars or more due to wild animals.

3. The criteria for issuing depredation licenses and permits shall be established in administrative rules in consultation with the farmer advisory committee created in section 481A.10A. The administrative rules adopted pursuant to this section shall not require a producer to erect or maintain fencing at a cost exceeding one thousand dollars as a requisite for receiving a depredation license or permit or for participation in a depredation plan.

Sec. 3. **NEW SECTION.** 481C.2A DEER DEPREDAATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM — LICENSES AND PERMITS.

1. Deer depredation licenses shall be available for issuance as follows:

a. Deer depredation licenses shall be available for issuance to resident hunters.

b. Depredation licenses issued pursuant to this subsection shall be valid to harvest antlerless deer only. Depredation licenses that are issued to a landowner and family members as defined in section 483A.24 shall be in addition to the number of free licenses that are available for issuance to such persons under section 483A.24. A landowner or a family member may obtain one free depredation license for each deer hunting season that is established by the commission. Deer may be harvested with a rifle pursuant to a depredation license in any area and in any season where the commission authorizes the use of rifles.

c. Licenses issued pursuant to this subsection may be issued at any time to a resident hunter who has permission to hunt on the land for which the license is valid pursuant to this subsection.